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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**Preliminary Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to the examination hereof, please enter the amendment set forth on successive sheets of this response. Enclosed with this Preliminary Amendment is a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) to correct an unintentionally delayed domestic priority claim and request for a corrected filing receipt.